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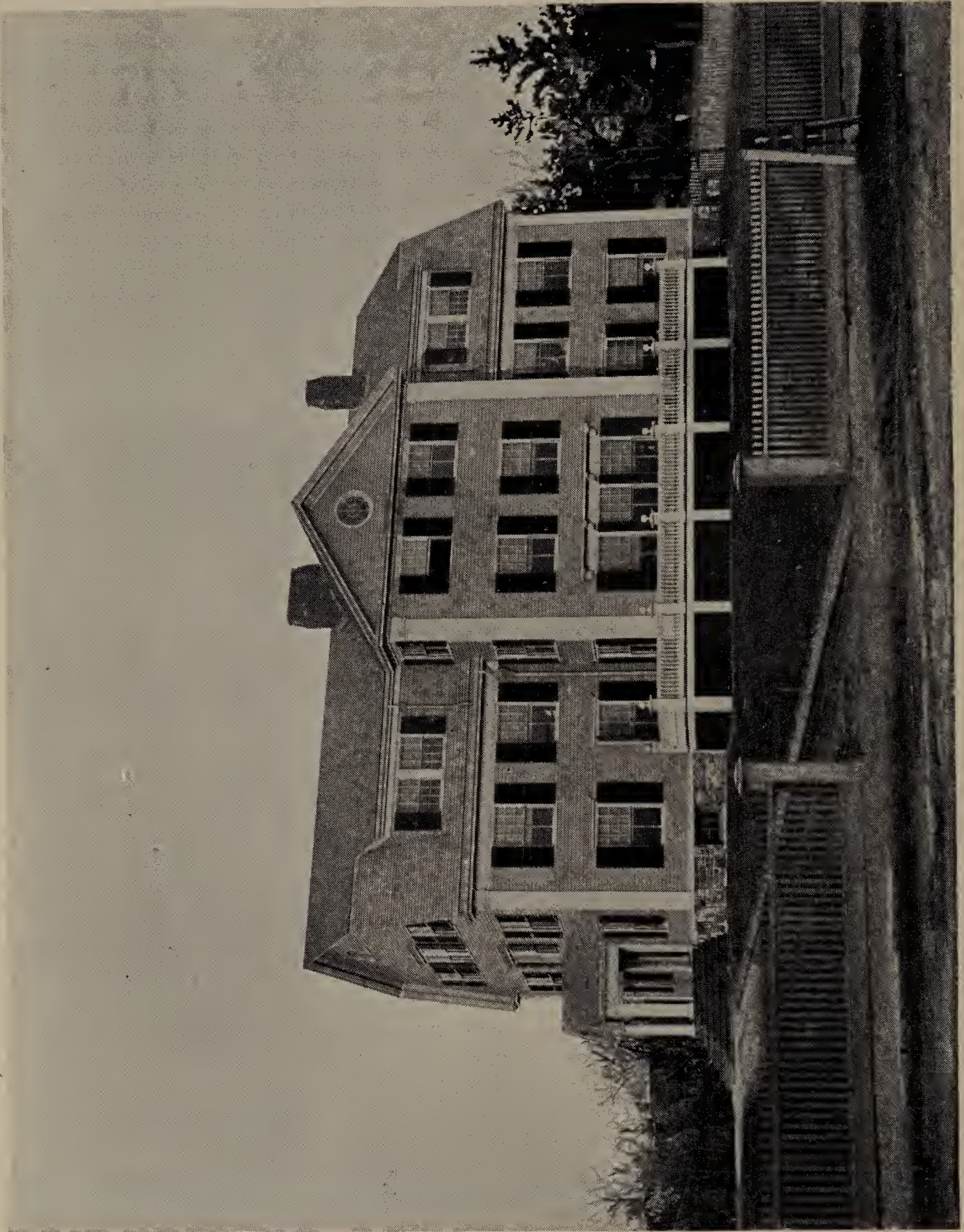
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Assignment of Monthly Visitors, 1905-1906.

Dec. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Dec. 15. MISS MCCALLAR.
Jan. 1. MRS. WRIGHT.	Jan. 15. MRS. BELL.
Feb. 1. MRS. DURANT.	Feb. 15. MRS. EARLE.
March 1. MRS. BROOKS.	March 15. MRS. BENNETT.
April 1. MRS. SHAW.	April 15. MISS CHAMBERLIN.
May 1. MRS. SHEFFIELD.	May 15. MRS. BELL.
June 1. MRS. STEBBINS.	June 15. MRS. DAVIS.
July 1. MRS. DURANT.	July 15. MISS MCCALLAR.
Aug. 1. MRS. STEBBINS.	Aug. 15. MISS CHAMBERLIN.
Sept. 1. MRS. FOLSOM.	Sept. 15. MRS. EARLE.
Oct. 1. MRS. SHAW.	Oct. 15. MRS. BENNETT.
Nov. 1. MRS. SHEFFIELD.	Nov. 15. MRS. BROOKS.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in each month.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TRUSTEES OF
THE AVON HOME.

THE year which ended on the first of November has been generally prosperous for the Avon Home. Eighteen children have been admitted and fourteen have been discharged, all of whom returned to the care of their relatives. A baby, who was feeble and not well when admitted, died in August after a few days' stay. It is four years since a child has died at the Home, and considering the physical condition of many of the children when they come, the prevailing good health speaks well for the care given by the matron and her assistants and by our faithful physicians.

The plan of placing children in private families, the cost of which has been met partly by the Home, has been continued with satisfactory results. This seems to be the only solution of the problem of deciding what to do with children who have grown too old to stay and whose relatives are no better able to provide for them than when they were admitted. Five children are now cared for in this way, a sixth having gone to his mother in June. The board of two of these children is paid by the Avon Club, whose contribution this year was two hundred thirty dollars. An intermediate department, or nursery for children between three and five years old, with a special attendant

has been opened this year and marks a decided step in advance, since children of that age, when mingling with older ones, have been very hard to care for properly.

Mrs. C. L. Stebbins has been chosen a trustee to succeed Miss Murdock, who resigned two years ago. The Avon Home has met a great loss in the death of Mr. William A. Munroe, who was for four years a trustee and for eight years a member of the Board of Advisers. During all this period his wisdom and experience in legal and business matters were freely placed at the disposal of the Home, and materially aided in securing more than one contested legacy, as well as in settling questions as to the rights of the children and the development of our work.

Dr. C. C. Foster resigned last spring after nearly fifteen years of valuable service as one of the visiting physicians and has been succeeded by Dr. Fred R. Jouett; Dr. Foster will, however, continue to give advice as specialist in orthopædics. Dr. Edward R. Williams has consented to examine the eyes of the children and to prescribe for them when necessary. Mrs. Davison has been appointed assistant matron in place of Miss Barnard, who resigned in February on account of ill health.

We have learned of no new legacies this year; the balance of the Greenleaf legacy has been paid, and the legacy from Mr. Woolson. The latter included a mortgage which was sold and the proceeds invested, making his bequest three thousand dollars. By the May Sale over one thousand dollars was obtained for current expenses; this was particularly welcome as unavoidable repairs, including some plumbing and re-shingling the roof, have cost six hundred eighty-one dollars, while a new floor

in the play-room and re-painting the outside of the house, for which the contracts have been made, will cost six hundred fifty dollars, which had to be provided for this year.

Five of the children spent part of the summer vacation with their mothers. The children have enjoyed many short excursions in small parties, and once a special car was provided by one of the trustees. Among many acceptable gifts, which are acknowledged elsewhere, mention should be made of a tent given by a trustee and a crib, completely furnished, given with a promise of maintenance by Mrs. Samuel Noyes.

Of the three causes for poverty enumerated by Dr. Lyman Abbot, — first, social wrong, second, individual crime or vice, including shiftlessness, and third, misfortunes brought on those who are intimately connected with the vicious or shiftless, — the last group calls most strongly for our aid and sympathy, and of this class children have by far the best claim of all. Much has been done toward helping children, but very much still remains to be done, and we confidently appeal to those who have assisted us in the past, and to others as well, for support in carrying on the work of caring for "children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge."

For the Trustees,

WILLIAM TAGGARD PIPER, *President*.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Trust Fund	\$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa H. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Mary E. Piper Fund	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily A. Burleigh	500.00
Donation from Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Hannah E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
Legacy of Charles W. Oxford	500.00
Legacy of Miss Susie M. Ransom	18,020.00
Donation from Mrs. Lucy C. Bemis	250.00
Philip Rogers Bennett Memorial Fund	500.00
Frances Mary Mackay Fund	15,000.00
Legacy of Oliver H. Durrell	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Lydia M. Palmer	2,000.00
"In Memory of Mother and Girard"	100.00
Legacy of Mrs. Julia A. Harding	20,000.00
Legacy of Epes Sargent Dixwell	5,000.00
Legacy of Isaac W. Danforth	5,000.00
Sale of Concord Farm, the gift of James Huntington	7,125.00
Legacy of Mrs. Fanny B. Lane	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow Greenleaf	4,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucia M. Goodnow	500.00
Lucy E. Paine Fund	10,000.00
Henrietta Parker Whitney Davis Fund	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary Grant Fisk	2,500.00
In Memory of Mrs. Caroline P. Bulfinch	50.00
Legacy of Miss Jane Chapman	200.00
Legacy of A. R. Dearborn	658.00
Legacy of James A. Woolson	3,000.00
	<u>\$141,260.05</u>

1904, Nov. 2.		\$ 1,198.79
Balance cash on hand from old account		\$100.00
To Cash from year ending November 8, 1905:—		
Saint John's Memorial Chapel		230.00
Avon Club Sale at 49 Linnaean Street, the proceeds to be used in payment of board		13.00
In His Name Circle of King's Daughters		6.00
First Baptist Church		10.00
University Press		10.00
Prospect Street Church		10.00
Mrs. Gerould's Sunday School Class		2.70
"The Hive," Mrs. J. G. Thorp, Treasurer		10.00
Christ Church Sunday School		10.00
"No Name" Club		10.00
Individual Donations		312.62
Annual Subscriptions		637.00
Board		545.00
General Income		5,715.51
May Sale		1,049.55
Legacy of James H. Woolson		2,993.88
On account of legacy of Mrs. Mary Longfellow		
Greenleaf		1,200.00
Bonds called		2,100.00
		<u>\$14,955.26</u>

1905, Nov. 8.		
By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home:—		
Salary of Matron and Employees		\$2,625.49
Provisions and Groceries		2,401.34
Fuel, Gas, and Water		641.83
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods		438.03
Furniture and House Utensils		57.06
Improvements and Repairs		887.64
Board		667.00
Sundries		398.76
Accrued Interest		17.55
		<u>\$8,134.70</u>
Paid Committee on Permanent Fund for Investment		6,300.00
The Balance is apportioned as follows:—		
Cash held for Emergency Fund		500.00
Cash held for Avon Club Fund		177.51
Cash due for Repairs under contracts		650.00
Net Balance		<u>391.84</u>
		<u>1,719.35</u>
		<u>\$16,154.05</u>

CAMBRIDGE, November 8, 1905.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and found them correct, with vouchers for all payments.

SANFORD B. HUBBARD,
} Auditors.

WM. W. DALLINGER,

MARY A. ELLIS, Treasurer.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 8, 1905.

Mrs. D. G. Alden	\$1.00	Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	\$25.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00	Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00	Mrs. A. A. Howard	2.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00	Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Miss M. J. Bacon	2.00	Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. C. A. Batchelder	1.00	Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Miss Maude Batchelder	1.00	Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
Mrs. G. W. Beaman	2.00	R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. A. D. S. Bell	2.00	Mrs. M. E. Hyde	1.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00	Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. S. A. Brooks	5.00	B. M. Jones	5.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00	Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
J. G. Brown	5.00	Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00	Mrs. Atherton Loring	2.00
Miss E. S. Bulfinch	2.00	Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss E. C. Bullard	3.00	Miss V. M. Morse	5.00
Mrs. F. J. Bumstead	5.00	Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00	Mrs. N. C. Nash	5.00
Miss Cary	5.00	Mrs. W. H. Neal	2.00
Mrs. D. U. Chamberlin	5.00	Mrs. G. W. C. Noble	10.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	2.00	Mrs. Frederic Odiorne	1.00
Miss J. E. C. Chapman	1.00	Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
C. C. Clarke, Shanghai	25.00	Mrs. F. Perrin	2.00
Mrs. G. W. Colburn	2.00	Miss F. W. Pike	1.00
Mrs. Wm. Cook	3.00	Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00	Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
A. McF. Davis	25.00	Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Davis	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Devens	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. William Read	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00	Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00	Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. Robert Douglass	5.00	Denman W. Ross	20.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	5.00	Mrs. W. E. Russell	5.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00	Miss C. H. Saunders	3.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00	Mrs. H. M. Saville	3.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00	Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Mrs. G. R. Farrell	1.00	Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00	Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	10.00	Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00	Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00	Mrs. G. F. Simmons	3.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00	Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	5.00	R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00	Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00	Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00	Misses E. and H. Storer	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	15.00	Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00	Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00
Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	2.00	Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00

Miss C. A. Taggard \$5.00	Mrs. Henry Westcott \$5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer 3.00	C. J. White 20.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton 1.00	Miss Maria Whitney 5.00
Benjamin Vaughan 30.00	Mrs. W. P. Wiggin 5.00
F. W. Vaughan 5.00	Mrs. Davies Wilson 1.00
A. S. Waitt 5.00	Miss Mary Woodman 25.00
Mrs. A. J. Wallace 2.00	Dr. Walter Woodman 5.00
Mrs. J. B. Warner 5.00	Mrs. Walter Woodman 5.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington 2.00	Mrs. T. F. Wright 10.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington 5.00	

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot . . . \$20.00	W. H. Neal \$5.00
Misses Albee 5.00	Capt. C. F. Palfrey, in memory
Miss M. E. Blatchford . . . 10.00	of his mother Mrs. Cazneau
Miss E. C. Campbell 5.00	Palfrey and his sister Miss
A. A. Carey 10.00	Palfrey 10.00
C. T. Carruth 25.00	Misses Peabody 50.00
Mrs. M. M. Cummings 1.50	W. T. Piper 25.00
Miss Louise Dallinger 1.00	Warren Sanger 5.00
Mrs. G. F. Dutcher 1.00	Mrs. J. G. Thorp 10.00
Mrs. S. M. Elder 1.00	Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan . . . 2.00
Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Farlow . 10.00	Miss Mary Woodman 25.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom 1.00	Misses Wyman 5.00
T. B. Gannett 50.00	A Friend 2.00
C. G. Green 10.00	A Friend 5.00
L. M. Hannum 10.00	B. I. Friend 8.12

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss MARY A. ELLIS, 8 Roseland Street, Cambridge.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of _____ Dollars,
to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
NOVEMBER 8, 1905.

"Dumb Animals," for the year, from Miss Maria Murdock; and "Youth's Companion," for the year, from Miss Holland; "The Blue Book," from Edward A. Jones.

1904. **November.** "The Hive," five pairs flannel drawers, four aprons, three dresses; "No Name Club," two blouses; Miss A. Tower, a bushel of sweet apples; Penelope Noyes, two pairs of shoes, toys; Mrs. Frank Bolles, three waists; Primary Department, Agassiz School, three baskets of grapes, one can of beans, one glass of jelly, two loaves of bread, four and a half dozen of oranges, onions, potatoes, apples, bananas, nuts, raisins, and figs; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, a turkey, cranberries, celery, bag of popcorn crisp, dates, figs, nuts, and candy; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, a turkey; Mrs. S. H. Swan, one half bushel of apples, three dozen horns of candy; Mrs. S. A. Brooks, two baskets of grapes, oranges; Prof. W. M. Davis, a bunch of bananas; Conant & Stockwell, two turkeys; Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Howe, a large frosted cake; Amee Bros., paper dolls and games; Needlework Guild (Boston Branch), six handkerchiefs, six pairs of hose, nine flannel petticoats, four pairs of muslin drawers, two undershirts, two union suits, two wrappers, two pairs of gloves; A Friend, a box of oranges, a bag of sweet potatoes; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, two pairs of boots, a pair of rubbers, a pair of drawers, a waist, a box of toys.

December. "The Club," five calico aprons, two night drawers, one blouse; The girls of Miss Ingols' school, eight gallons of ice cream, a bag of vanilla creams; Miss Abbie Chandler, box of toys; Mr. & Mrs. W. B. Hodsdon, two sleds, two express carts, two sets building blocks, two snow shovels, nine pins, garden tools, ring toss game, express train, horse car, team, train of cars, magic lantern, dumb-bells, Noah's ark, soldiers, fire department—hose carriage, water tower, chief's carriage, steamer, etc.; Miss A. Tower, four dozen oranges; Miss H. W. Munroe, a gift for each child; Mr. W. T. Piper, \$5.00 to be expended for the children's Christmas; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, six pairs of hose, three pairs of gloves, two undervests, one cotton shirt, one pair rubbers, one pair rubber boots, paper dolls; Miss Roberts, books, games, and toys; Mrs. E. P. Sargent, games, toys, and a book; Mrs. Edgar Pierce, a doll; Miss Hale, ice cream; Mr. J. H. Wyeth, box of oranges, figs, and raisins; Mrs. F. A. Allen, toys; Conant & Stockwell, Christmas tree, two turkeys, bananas; Mr. & Mrs. A. M. Howe, bread, large Christmas cake; Mrs. W. B. Durant, a turkey; Miss G. Sheffield, three and a half dozen small frosted cakes; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, box Christmas candy; Mrs. H. Bingham, four boxes of candy; Mrs. George Dexter, child's chair, school bags, toys; Mrs. H. B. Wood, two outing-flannel skirts, one infant's night-gown; Mrs. E. F. Gamwell, hobby-horse, low chair; Mrs. J. H. Thurston, a scrap-book made by the little girls in the Margaret Memorial Chapel of Shepard Church; Volunteer Mission Band, four quarts ice cream; Mrs. T. W. Richards, dolls, toys; Mrs. S. H. Swan, flannel wrapper.

1905. January. Mrs. Walter Woodman, a coat, pair of overshoes; "The Club," two aprons, nightgown, seven pairs night drawers; Mrs. A. C. Wellington, barrel of apples; Mrs. R. B. Storer, eight dozen oranges; Mrs. William Hodges, flowers; "The Hive," fourteen cotton waists, eleven aprons, one dress, one blouse; Mrs. H. S. Colton, three pairs slippers, two coats, two cotton suits, two infant's wrappers, one pair overshoes, one sweater, several pairs of hose; "No Name Club," seven outing blouses; Mrs. G. W. Abbot, kaleidoscope; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, three infants' hoods.

February. "The Club," three pairs night drawers, two outing-flannel blouses, one waist, one infant's wrapper; "No Name Club," five outing-flannel blouses; Ladies Aid Society, New Church, twenty-eight cotton waists.

March. Mrs. J. W. Taylor, a package of picture cards; Page's Box Factory, fifty boxes kindling wood; "Sewing Club," twelve flannel nightgowns, six aprons; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, seven dresses.

April. "Basket Club," \$10.00 worth of new clothing; Emily Williams, two pairs rubber boots; Miss Mackintosh, five outing-flannel petticoats, three cotton dresses, four pair cotton drawers, two cotton blouses, two cotton nightgowns, one outing-flannel dress, one cotton petticoat.

May. Mrs. Frank Bolles, one winter coat; Mrs. J. W. Taylor, magazines; "The Club," four outing-flannel blouses, four cotton dresses, two cotton blouses, two aprons; "The Hive," ten waists, three dresses, two flannelette blouses; Mrs. E. B. Koehler, cotton skirt, flannel sack, doll's carriage, toys; Sewing Department of Alliance, Austin St. Unitarian Church, one dozen waists.

June. Mrs. Louis Agassiz, five aprons, two blouse dresses, two cotton dresses; Emily Williams, two pairs of boots, one pair of overshoes, one pair slippers; "No Name Club," six gingham dresses; Shepard Memorial Church, seven pajamas, seven nightgowns; Mrs. A. L. Devens, two flannelette wrappers, two flannelette nightgowns, one blouse dress; Dorothea and Hans Moore, candy boxes, toys; Miss C. A. Taggard, three cotton dresses; Esther Patterson, a scrap-book; Mrs. G. W. Beaman, box of scrap-pictures; Mrs. Wyman, seven waists, two pair shoes, one suit, one dress skirt; Mrs. Peabody, box of Easter eggs; Mrs. R. T. Jackson, eight girls' dresses, two coats, two guimpes, two coats, one waist, one skirt, toys, dolls, books; Mrs. R. B. Storer, twelve boxes strawberries; Miss Ethel Appleton, books and toys; Mrs. Edward Pierce, four pairs worsted slippers; Mrs. H. O. Houghton, a picture; Mr. Clark, box of toys; "Sewing Club Limited," sixteen aprons, seven nightgowns; "The Club," three gingham dresses; "The Hive," ten waists, seven blouses, three dresses, two petticoats, one apron; Miss Ethel Appleton, two books and blackboard; Mrs. H. S. Colton, two hats, two white Russian suits, one coat, one pair of boots; flowers for the children, in memory of Mrs. Henry Westcott.

July. Mrs. Samuel Noyes, a crib to be called the Fowler Crib, two towels, silk quilt, and a puff; Mrs. Frank Bolles, toys; Mrs. W. B. Durant, ice cream for July fourth; A Friend, twenty-five cents for the children; Mrs. E. H. Wilson, three dresses, one skirt, one shirt waist, one guimpe, bag of marbles.

September. Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, two barrels of apples; Miss Harriet C. Wyeth, one bushel of apples; Mr. Roger S. Warner, \$1 and twenty tickets to Nahant.

October. Mrs. H. A. Adams, book, blocks; Mrs. M. G. Howe, a bushel of pears; Mrs. J. Q. Bennett, four squashes; "No Name Club," eleven blouses, two skirts, gingham; Mrs. C. W. Eliot, one pair overshoes, one pair boots, one girl's coat, five dresses; Miss E. Ward, a lot of books.

Donations of outer garments and boys' clothing are earnestly solicited. If donors to the Home would send with their gifts their full name and address, it would greatly assist the clerk in making out the list of donations.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME

ARTICLE I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be “THE AVON HOME.” Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

ARTICLE II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, a Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund (one of whom shall be the President), and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall

report at the annual meeting. The accounts of the Treasurer and of the Committee for the care of the Permanent Fund shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "THE AVON HOME, CAMBRIDGE, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may readmit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. Each child shall be admitted to the Home for three months on probation; this period may be extended three months longer at the discretion of the Committee on Admission. Each case, accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances, shall be reported to the Corporation at its next regular meeting, and at the end of the period of probation the Corporation shall decide whether or not to admit the child for a definite time.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No visit of a longer period than a day, or over night, to friends or relatives shall be allowed unless under distinctly favorable conditions, approved by one member of the Committee on Admission and the Matron, and reported in writing to the Trustees at their next meeting.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and third Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron shall have full authority in the Home, subject only to these rules and the votes of the Corporation and of the Executive Committee. She shall attend the meetings of the Committees on Adoption and Discharge, on Provisions and House Supplies, and on Clothing.

The Matron shall keep a journal of daily happenings and from it make a short written report for the regular meeting of the Corporation, mentioning such exceptional matters as should be made known to the Corporation.

The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall

be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting, and making any suggestions and criticisms regarding the management of the Home that should be brought to the attention of the Trustees.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the

Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.

XI. All bills shall receive the written approval of the committee or person authorized to make the expenditure before payment by the Treasurer.

XII. The Committee of Three for the care of the Permanent Fund shall have the care and custody of all securities and other investments held for the support and maintenance of the Avon Home, and shall collect the interest and other income and pay the same to the Treasurer, who shall receipt therefor. They shall make all permanent investments, keep an account thereof and of the income therefrom, and report to the Corporation at the annual meeting, and such other times as the Corporation may request. They shall rent a box in the vaults of the Cambridge Trust Company, which shall be opened only in the presence of two members of the said Committee.



